

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Troy Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Shiloh Church, Pike County, Alabama,

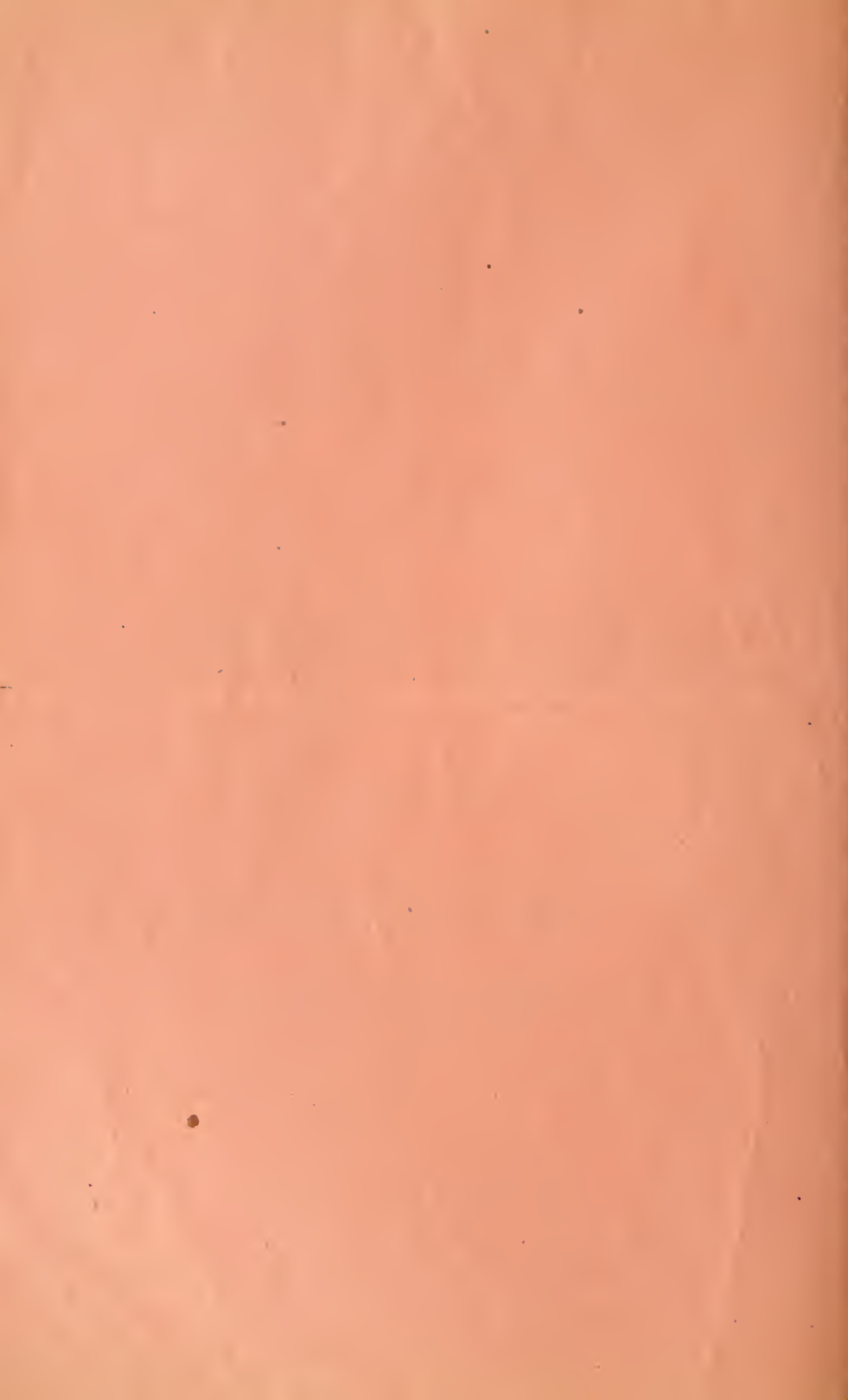
Commencing Friday, Sept. 3rd, 1886.

W. H. BARNETT,.....MODERATOR.

JOHN FREEMAN,.....CLERK.

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MINUTES.



The Third Annual Session of the TROY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with Shiloh Church, Pike county, Ala., commencing Friday, September 3, 1886.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Dr. J. E. Chambliss, of the Centennial Association, from 1st Cor., 9th chap., 23d verse. After an intermission and partaking of refreshments, the Association, at 2 o'clock P. M., was called to order by the former Moderator, W. H. Barnett, who read the 84th Psalm, after which Elder W. H. Adams offered prayer.

The former Clerk being absent, Brother John Freeman was elected Clerk pro tem. Letters from all the churches of the Association were handed in and read by Brother J. P. Wood.

On motion of Dr. A. N. Worthy, the Moderator appointed two tellers to take the vote for Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Elder N. C. Underwood and Brother J. M. Dewberry were appointed tellers, and the vote resulted in the re-election of brethren W. H. BARNETT Moderator, and M. A. WOOD Treasurer; and John FREEMAN was elected Clerk. The Moderator, after thanking the Association for the confidence reposed in him, announced the Association duly organized and ready for the transaction of any business that may come regularly before it.

The Moderator appointed the following

COMMITTEES:

On Religious Services—The pastor and messengers of Shiloh Church.

On Finance and Auditing—O. Worthy, H. C. Cosby, John F. Purser, J. P. Wood and T. A. Adams.

On Documents and Requests—W. L. Hendrick, J. S. Carter, J. S. Yarbrough, J. E. Coskrey and J. M. Dill.

On Nominations—Dr. A. N. Worthy, D. B. Murphree, J. L. Youngblood, W. S. Coleman and S. Fleming.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended to read a telegram from China, giving an account of the persecution and massacre of our missionaries there, whereupon a motion was made by Dr. A. N. Worthy, that a special hour of prayer be observed by this Association in behalf of our afflicted and martyred brethren and their families there; and also, the distressed and suffering of Charleston, S. C., which was almost destroyed by an earthquake. Dr. Chambliss being invited to conduct the exercises, made some pathetic and appropriate remarks, and the Association joined in solemn prayer to God that He would over-ride all for His glory, and the salvation of men.

The regular order of business was resumed. Called for correspondence. Responded from the

Eufaula Association—Dr. G. A. Nunnally, agent of Howard College.

Centennial Association—Dr. J. E. Chambliss, agent for State Mission Board of Ministerial Education, and S. J. Townsend.

Evergreen Association—Elders W. H. Adams and F. A. Jackson.

Salem Church—Elders N. C. Underwood and E. Y. VanHoose.

Richland Church—Elder B. C. Bennett.

On motion of Brother J. P. Wood, brethren J. M. Dill and W. F. Beard were substituted for Frank Baltzell and J. C. Hill, on Committee of Education, also J. L. Youngblood substituted for W. H. Talbot, on Committee on Bible and Colportage, and J. S. Yarbrough in place of W. H. Talbot, on Home and State missions.

Adjourned to 8½ o'clock A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, September 4, 1886.

The Association met according to adjournment. After singing and prayer by Brother J. S. Yarbrough, the minutes of previous day read, corrected and adopted, and roll called; after which the Rules of Order were read.

The Committee on Bible and Colportage made the following report, which was adopted after some suggestive thoughts by Brothers J. L. Youngblood, B. C. Bennett, G. A. Nunnally, J. E. Chambliss and J. F. Purser:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee on Bible and Colportage report as follows, viz: That the distribution of God's Holy Word and religious literature, is regarded as one of the most important activities of our denomination. Until the word of God is found in every household our efforts in this direction should not be relaxed. Therefore we pledge ourselves to come up to the full measure of our duty in accomplishing the happy and desirable result.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. YOUNGBLOOD *Chairman*.

Report on Home and State Missions was read, and after an elucidation of the report by Brethren J. P. Wood and J. E. Chambliss was made, the report was adopted:

REPORT ON HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee take pleasure in observing the zealous and energetic efforts of our Mission Board to send the gospel to every creature, also the reports coming up from various fields of labor, showing the gratifying results, demonstrate that their efforts in this direction are being crowned with success. The pleasant duty of this Association is to strengthen the hands of these Boards by our liberal contribution of money followed up by our fervent prayers. It is very gratifying to us to be able to state that this Association has met the demands of the Convention, by promptly paying the full amount required to aid and push forward the several beneficent activities and enterprises in which it is engaged. But let us not deceive ourselves by coming to the conclusion that we have done enough; that we have come up to the full measure of our duty; this is limited only

by our ability, and as the Lord has prospered us, until this gospel standard is attained, let us never stand still till the Master appears.

On motion, preaching at 11 o'clock A. M. was dispensed with, and the business of the Association continued.

Report on education was read, and after a delightful presentation of the subject by Brothers J. M. Dill, G. A. Nunnally and J. F. Purser, the same was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

From all parts of our fair land comes the gratifying intelligence that the cause of education is advancing. The old wall of prejudice against education is fast crumbling down, and a new era of enlightenment seems to be dawning. Within our own bounds we see evidences of advance in the eagerness of our people to educate their children, in the demand for competent teachers, and in the willingness to supplement the public fund that the school sessions may be longer.

The institutions under the control of our denomination have never before so merited our support and patronage. The Trustees of Howard College present to the State Convention the property of this time-honored institution free from any debt. Through the wisdom of the Trustees and self-sacrifice of the Professors the College has held her own against fearful odds. Without endowment, she has been competing successfully with State institutions. But it is believed that the time has come for an advance movement; that it is the duty of our people to increase her efficiency by a generous endowment. Realizing the necessity of this step, the Trustees have put in the field as agent to raise this endowment, Rev. G. A. Nunnally. Let our people respond liberally to his appeals, that this long neglected institution may be established on a firmer basis, and be better able to give our sons a liberal education under wholesome religious influence. We suggest that this shall be made an object to which our churches contribute regularly. The Judson Female Institute has just completed a most successful session. The Trustees report every room in the spacious building occupied. The Central Female College at Tuscaloosa is also in a prosperous condition. The institutions by their own merits have made themselves worthy of our patronage. The steps taken a few years ago for the education of young ministers have been crowned with success. Many worthy young men have been aided in fitting themselves for the effective preaching of the word. It has been deemed expedient to move the Board of Ministerial Education from Birmingham to Montgomery. Under the direction of the new Board this enterprise promises much for the ensuing year. But they can do nothing without substantial aid from the churches.

We, therefore, recommend our brethren remember this most important work, and contribute liberally to its support.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. DILL, *Chairman*.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

At 2 o'clock p. m. the Association met.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations beg leave to make the following report, viz :

To preach the next Introductory Sermon, Elder J. S. Yarbrough. To attend the State Convention to be held at Union Springs—W. H. Barnett, John F. Purser, John L. Youngblood, M. A. Wood, J. S. Yarbrough, A. N. Worthy, Henry C. Cosby, John P. Hubbard, William Kelly, W. S. Coleman, J. M. Dill and T. K. Brantley.

Respectfully submitted.

A. N. WORTHY, *Chairman*.

The Committee on Temperance offered the following report, which was read and adopted :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee is much gratified to be able to announce the progress of sentiment in favor of this very important question. The advance made and the great benefits resulting from it are plainly to be seen all over the country, more especially is this to be seen in our county town. While only a few months ago the town was free of saloons, and drinking and drunkenness was common. Now the sight is one of very rare occurrence. And the two saloons left seem to be in their death throes. While the Church, as an organization, has not manifested the interest in this movement that should have characterized it as the leader in all moral reforms, yet to the activity, zeal and prayers of the Christian men and women of the country is due the great change. There should be no cessation of zeal or effort until this great enemy of our race is driven from our borders.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. WOOD, *Chairman*.

The Standing Committee on Deceased Ministers reported that the Lord had been gracious in preserving the lives of all our ministers in this Association.

On motion, Dr. J. E. Chambliss was granted time to present the cause of ministerial aid at the Howard, which he did in a very forcible speech.

Report on Documents and Requests was read, and, after some discussion by Brethren J. F. Purser, W. F. Beard, J. S. Yarbrough, G. A. Nunnally, A. N. Worthy, J. L. Youngblood and W. L. Hendrick, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that we have examined the letters of the different churches composing the Troy Association, and found the following items : 1st—That the letter from Orion Church failed to give statistics of the Sabbath School. 2nd—That Olustee Church states that they have been without preaching most of the year. 3d—That the letter from First Church, Troy, reports additions to other churches, whereas we think it should have reported only the members added to *that church*. And the same church requests this Association to adopt such measures as will tend best to promote the Sunday School cause in our churches. Also the First Church, Troy, makes the following report on missions :

Collected by Sunday School.....	\$ 63 90
Collected by <i>Church</i>	23 45
Collected by L. A. S.....	10 00
Collected by Church for M. Education.....	23 75

Total.....\$121 10

We would inquire if there is not some danger of ignoring the church in such reports as the above ?

We recommend the next session of this Association be held with the First Church, Troy, at their request.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. HENDRICK, *Chairman*.

Elder John F. Purser was granted leave of absence.

Report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The blessings of God attending the work of the Foreign Mission Board, of the S. B. C., commends that Board more and more to the confidence and co-operation of the churches. The gates of the nations, so long closed, now stand open, and men and women, with hearts fired with Christ-like love, and filled for the work, are offering themselves in greater numbers than ever before for service in foreign fields. It remains only that the churches come forward and consecrate their money to God. We have prayed God to open the gates. He has opened them. We prayed for men. He has raised them up. Shall we now withhold our means? Shall not our prayers go up with our alms? Let us, as far as may be in our power, enlarge the resources of our Board, that there be no delay of the Master's work. Respectfully submitted,

J. P. WOOD, *Chairman*.

Report on Sabbath Schools read and adopted :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report that we have three Sabbath Schools in good condition, with an aggregate of 300 including officers, teachers and pupils. We urgently recommend to all our Baptist churches the great importance of encouraging these institutions by every means in their power. We recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society, and the publication of "Home Mission Board," including *Kind Words* and *Lesson Papers*. Respectfully submitted.

B. W. STARKE, *Chairman*.

Brother B. W. Starke was granted leave of absence.

Report of Treasurer read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. A. WOOD, IN ACCOUNT WITH TROY ASSOCIATION,

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To amount received from Shiloh Church for Missions.....	\$ 65 00
To amount received from Shiloh Church for Minutes.....	4 00
To amount received from Troy Church for Minutes.....	5 50
To amount received from Troy Church L. A. Society.....	10 00
To amount received from Olustee Church, Minutes.....	1 50
To amount received from Sabbath collection.....	16 00
To amount received from Sunday School.....	4 00
To amount received from Orion Church, Missions.....	11 00
To amount received from Orion Church, Minutes.....	1 50
To amount received from special collection, Minutes.....	2 50
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	\$146 40

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By amount sent W. B. Crumpton.....	\$125 00
By amount paid for Minutes.....	15 00
By amount paid for Pas. Order.....	40— 140 40
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Amount on hand.....	\$ 5 60

We have examined the above account and find it correct.

O. WORTHY, *Chairman of Auditing Committee*.

Report on Finance and Auditing, read and adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

From Shiloh Church for Missions	\$ 50 00
“ “ “ “ Minutes.....	3 00
“ Troy First Church for Minutes.....	10 00
“ “ “ “ Collected and sent up Missions.....	87 35
“ “ “ “ For Cuban Missions.....	10 00
“ “ “ “ For Ministerial Education.....	23 75
“ Orion for Missions	7 00
“ “ “ Minutes	1 50
“ Olustee for Missions.....	8 50
“ Olustee for Minutes.....	1 50
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Total amount for Missions.....	\$162 85
Total amount for Minutes.....	16 00
Total amount for Ministerial Education.....	23 75
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Total amount.....\$202 60

All of which turned over to Treasurer.

O. WORTHY, *Chairman*.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

To Eufaula—John F. Purser and W. L. Hendrick.

To Centennial—J. L. Youngblood and J. S. Yarbrough.

To Evergreen—M. A. Wood, John F. Purser, W. H. Kelly and E. H. Wood.

Dr. G. A. Nunnally made an appeal in behalf of the endowment of Howard College, and raised for the same over \$1,000.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator to report at next session of this Association :

On Home and State Missions—A. N. Worthy, J. L. Youngblood and J. M. Bean.

On Foreign Missions—J. P. Wood, R. B. Parks and J. S. Carter.

On Sabbath Schools—W. L. Hendrick, H. C. Cosby and J. H. Sessions.

On Temperance—J. S. Yarbrough, J. S. Bickley and J. M. Bean.

On Education—J. M. Dill, E. H. Wood and W. H. Kelly.

On Bible and Colportage—J. L. Youngblood, H. C. Cosby and D. B. Murphree.

On Indigent Ministers—J. H. Wood, T. E. Adams and J. E. Coskrey.

The following brethren were appointed by the Moderator to open the discussion on the following subjects at the next session of the Troy Association :

Education—J. M. Dill.

Temperance—J. M. Carter.

Sabbath Schools—L. H. Bowles.

Missions—J. S. Yarbrough.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Dr. J. E. Chamblis preached the Introductory Sermon Friday at 11 o'clock A. M., from 1st Cor., 9 ch. and 23 v. Dr. G. A. Nunnally lectured Friday night. Dr. Nunnally preached Saturday night, from Zachariah, 9 ch. and 12 v. ; also Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M., from John, 12 ch. and 21st v. The preaching was well received, and it is expected that much good will result from the same.

Submitted.

N. C. UNDERWOOD, *Chairman*.

On motion, the Clerk be instructed to have the Minutes printed and distributed among the churches out of the Minute fund, and the remainder of the Minute money be retained by the Clerk as a remuneration for his services as Clerk. The following resolution was read and adopted by a unanimous vote of the body :

Resolved, That the members of this Association tender their thanks to the church and citizens of Shiloh for their kindness and liberality in entertaining this body during its session.

J. S. YARBROUGH.

Adjourned to meet with First Church of Troy Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1887.

W. H. BARNETT, *Moderator*.

JOHN FREEMAN, *Clerk*.

RULES OF ORDER.



1. At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the delegates names are enrolled, Tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who are to hold their offices until new ones are chosen.

2. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day ; shall immediately call the members to order, and on appearance of a quorum shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

3. He shall preserve order and decorum ; may speak on points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose ; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association, by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once, unless by leave of the Association.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. Questions shall be distinctly put ; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide ; those voting in the affirmative shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative.

6. In all cases of election, the Moderator may vote, unless the body be equally divided ; in that event, he shall give the casting vote. He may speak on any question, provided he shall call some other member to the chair while he is speaking.

7. When any member is about to speak or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate and avoid personalities.

8. If any member, in speaking or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any other member may, call him to order ; in which case the member shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain ; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be submitted to ; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order he shall be at liberty to proceed ; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed, in case any object, without leave of the Association.

9. When two or more members happen to rise at once the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.

10. No member shall speak more than once to the same question, without leave of the Association, unless he be mover, proser or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

11. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put shall give his vote, unless the Association, for special reason, excuse him.

12. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair ; or, being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator, and read aloud before debated.

13. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair or any member desire it.

14. After a motion is stated by the Chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn, by leave of the Association, at any time before a decision or amendment.

15. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for previous question, to postpone to a day certain, commit, amend, to postpone indefinitely ; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or postpone indefinitely, being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

16. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except the Association be engaged in voting.

17. A motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except a member be speaking, or the body engaged in voting.

18. On a previous there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after the motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

19. The previous question shall be in this form: Shall the main question be now put? It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee, if any upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

20. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

21. When a motion has been once made and carried, in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except to adjourn.

22. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator; or leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

23. Should any member of this Association absent himself before the close of the session, without permission of the body, he shall be marked in the Minutes as absent without leave.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restoration.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Mem'ship.	FINANCES.			
									Mission.	C. M.	M. E.	M. F.
First Church of Troy.....	John T. Purser.....	61	26	6	8	...	3	278	\$ 87 35	\$10 00	\$23 75	\$10 00
Shiloh.....	N. C. Underwood.....	37	5	4	19	...	...	168	50 00	.....	.....	3 00
Orion.....	J. S. Yarbrough.....	...	...	2	3	1	52	7 00	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Olustee.....	J. C. McLendon.....	...	...	1	1	...	24	8 50	.....	.....	.....	1 50
		98	31	10	30	4	4	522	\$152 85	\$10 00	\$23 75	\$16 00

Ordained Ministers and Post-Offices.

JOHN F. PURSER.....TROY, ALABAMA.
 A. N. WORTHY.....TROY, ALABAMA.
 JOHN L. YOUNGBLOOD.....TROY, ALABAMA.
 J. S. YARBROUGH.....ORION, ALABAMA.



